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1. REAL DIFFICULTY WITH FIRST DRAFT PRODUCED BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF LAST FALL WAS FALSE ASSUMPTION THAT ECON/OIL SECTION WAS SOMEHOW IMPORTANT ASPECT OF SOVIET PENETRATION OF MEDITERRANEAN. RESULT WAS LONG RAMBLING SECTION ON ARAB ECONOMIES AND WORLD OIL SITUATION WHICH BORE NO DEMONSTRABLE CONNECTION TO SOVIET INFLUENCE OR PENETRATION EFFORTS.

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2. WE WELCOME MISSION SUGGESTION THAT MED REPORT THIS

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TIME FOCUS MORE CLOSELY ON QUESTION OF SOVIET PENETRATION. DOING SO, HOWEVER, LEAVES LITTLE TO BE SAID ON ECON/OIL ASPECT, SINCE SOVIETS HAVE LOW LEVEL OF TRADE WITH ARAB STATES AND VIRTUALLY NO DIRECT INFLUENCE ON THEIR OIL POLICIES.

3. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST TO IS THAT WE CAN ALL SAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE BY GIVING THIS SUBJECT THE BRIEF REFERENCE IT DESERVES IN THE MED REPORT. INGERSOLL

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